based on natural gas, Naphtha and FO/LSHS during 2002-03 was as follows:-

Sl. No.	Feedstock used	Weighted average cost of production (Rs./MT)
1.	Gas based urea units	6205
2.	Naphtha based units	12714
3.	FO/LSHS based units	11266
4.	Mixed energy based units	8307
	Total weighted average	8525

The percentage of the different feedstocks in production of urea is as follows:

Feedstock	No. of units	%share
Gas	13	50.30
Naphtha	10	26.90
FO/LSHS	4	10.20
Mixed energy based units	3	12.60
TOTAL :	30	100.00

Review of Pharmaceutical Policy 2002

*77. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to review the Pharmaceutical Policy 2002;

(b) if so, whether Standing Committee on Petroleum and Chemicals has suggested the Ministry to have a re-look at new policy and endeavour to make it widely acceptable and free of legal lacunae;

(c) whether panel has pointed out that the policy was not people friendly and even Supreme Court has commented adversely on it;

(d) if so, whether the Court had also refused to permit operationalisation of drug price control order under the new policy; and

(e) by when final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) to (e) The Standing Committee on Petroleum and Chemicals in its Fortieth Report (13th Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants 2003-2004 relating to Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals' had recommended to the Government, *inter alia*, "to have a re-look at the new Policy and endeavour to make it widely acceptable and free of legal lacunae". Further, the Committee in its Fifty First Report recommended that the Government should have relook at this policy to make it people friendly. In its reply to the Committee the Government has informed its stand that the policy is balanced and rational and needs no change at present.

The Government announced the 'Pharmaceutical Policy 2002' in February, 2002. However, a public interest litigation filed in the High Court of Karnataka at Bangalore resulted in an Order dated 12-11-02 which stopped the Government from implementing the price control regime of the Pharmaceutical Policy 2002. This Department filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) before the Supreme Court of India against the Order of the Karnataka High Court, which has been admitted as SLP (C) No. 3668/2003. The Supreme Court *vide* its order dated 10-3-2003 directed the Government, *interalia*, to "consider and formulate appropriate criteria for ensuring essential and life saving drugs not to fall out of the price control and further directed to review drugs, which are essential and life saving in nature till 2nd May, 2003". Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has brought out the National List of Essential Medicines, 2003 after the review of the National Essential Drugs List, 1996.

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*78. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :